Incomes—Co-operative Department—Charitable purposes.

353. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any rule that 7½% of the net income of the Co-operative Department may be utilised for charitable purposes ;

(b) whether the same is spent accordingly;

(c) what actually (figures and percentage) was spent every year from 1100 M. E.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The Co-operative Department has income.

(b) No. answer is necessary in view of the above answer.

(c) Do.

Government Quarters for Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

354. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) from which date the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State begin to live in Government building ;

(b) whether in the case of any of them it was a condition of their appointment to be given Government Quarters ;

(c) if so, whether it was to be given rent free ;

(d) has any one of them been paying rent ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 16—10—1070.

(b) Not known ; but it has been a privilege enjoyed by successive officers for the last 36 years.

(c) No rent has been charged.

(d) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are there other departmental heads who enjoy the same concession ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The Excise Commissioner and the Conservator of Forests are occupying Government quarters.

Work of the Co-operative Department.

355. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Co-operative Department of the State is doing any work than that of a money lending nature ;

(b) whether it is aware that there are other forms of Co-operative work than that of a money lending nature ;

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(c) the total amount of money loaned out by the Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., with the names of the various debtors with the amount due from each of them ;

(d) if any of its loans is considered a bad debt, if so, which are they?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The Co-operative Department is not engaged in money lending. The Co-operative Credit Societies registered for this specific purpose are doing this business.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) Government have no information. The Cochin Central Co-operative Bank being a corporate body managing its own affairs like any other Joint Stock Bank, the information should be sought from that body.

Appointment—Agricultural Superintendent.

356. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether its attention has been drawn to the article on "American Agriculture Extension Work" that appeared in the Sathianadam on 7th November 1931 ;

(b) whether it is aware that its author Dr. C. C. Mathew, M. A. Ph. D, has written "A Study of American Agriculture Extension Work and its application to the Villages in the Native State of Cochin" as the thesis for the PhD. degree of the Columbia University ;

(c) whether it has in view any candidate to be appointed to the vacancy that is to occur on the retirement of the present Superintendent of Agriculture ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The appointment is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What were the reasons that induced the Government to advertise for the post of a Superintendent of Agriculture ? Is it that there are no qualified hands already in the Department ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—To see whether better qualified men could be had.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether a large number of applications have been received ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How many ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—15 or 20.

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